

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

3:55 p.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services was called to order by **Representative Stahl**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Chairman Stahl laid **HB 4420** before the committee:

HB 4420	Sheen	Children; abuse or neglect; circumstances under which an investigation may commence; revise.
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TESTIMONY

Representative Sheen, sponsor of the bill, explained his bill to the committee.

Frank Cusmano, representing the Children's Law Section, Michigan State Bar, submitted a card indicating opposition to the bill as introduced and did not wish to speak.

Ron Hicks, representing the Department of Human Services, submitted a card indicating support of the bill as substitute (H-3) and did not wish to speak.

Steve Yager, representing the Office of the Family Advocate, Department of Human Services, testified in support of substitute (H-3) to the bill.

Elizabeth Carey, representing the Michigan Federation for Children and Families, submitted a card indicating support of the bill as substituted.

Jerre Cory, Director of Angel House, Child & Family Services, Capital Area, testified in support of the bill.

Jim Paparella, Executive Director, Child & Family Services, Capital Area, testified in support of the bill.

Janet Williams, representing Greg Williams, testified in support of the bill.

Janice Williams, mother of Greg Williams, testified in support of the bill.

Lynnae Lake, mother of Emily Lake, testified in support of the bill.

Nancy Lockhurst, an advocate for FCR for Lynnae Lake, testified in support of the bill.

Representative Sheen moved to adopt the substitute **(H-3)** to **HB 4420**. The motion was supported by **Representative Vander Veen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Sheen offered the following amendment to **HB 4420 (H-3)**:

1. Amend page 3, line 11, after “child” by striking out “requires medical treatment or hospitalization”.

Representative Clack moved to adopt the amendment. The motion was supported by **Representative Polidori**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Sheen moved to report **HB 4420** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-4)**. The motion was supported by **Representative Clack**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Vander Veen moved to adopt the minutes of the **September 27, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Clack**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Representative John Stahl, Chair
House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
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59 minutes